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Some figures:

111,083 active enterprise in end 2013;

2,895,947 resident population in end 2013;

28,748 km²
INSTAT is maintaining Statistical Business Register (SBR) since 1998. Variables of Statistical Business Register are broadly divided into these categories:

- **Identification variables** (ID number (NIPT), Legal form, Ownership, Name, Address, Communication (Tel, Fax, etc.));

- **Stratification variables** (Main economic activity, Size by employed, Geographical location, Institutional sector);

- **Demographic variables** (Date of creation, Date of cessation). The main administrative sources providing by General Directory of Taxation (GDT) and from 2007 also by National Registration Centre (NRC) as the important reform for simplifier registration of new business registration procedures.
Sources

SBR is updating yearly and the sources are:

- **Administrative sources** (Information from NRC, GDT, Ministry of Finance; VAT file; Annual account of enterprises);

- **Statistical sources** (Multi-locations enterprise survey, Newly Created Enterprises survey; Annual Structure Survey; Quarterly survey, STS; Production Price survey, PPI; Other surveys).

- **Other sources**: Contacted with enterprises, checked by enterprises website etc...
Census of Enterprises

Census of enterprises was one of the main components of the project supported by the European Commission, in the framework of IPA 2007 Project. Census was conducted during November 2010.

The objective of census was to bring updated statistical registers according to EU recommendations and standards, to produce reliable, accurate economic statistics to the user’s hands.

Census made possible:

- Improved the quality of the existing variables;
- The double classification of the activity according to the existing nomenclature NVE Rev. 1.1 and the new one NVE Rev. 2;
- Set up of the Register of Local Units which did not exist and among other will be a base to calculate the regional indicators.
Local Unit Register

The innovation of the Census of Economic Enterprises is the set up of Local Units Register.
This register is the base for calculating the regional indicators. To enable the right information for the local units has been prepared a special chapter in the questionnaire.

In 2012 INSTAT started a new survey, in order to update Local Unit Register. Multi-location enterprise survey is regularly yearly survey. Enterprise with 50 and more are part of survey as well as multi-location enterprises.

The addition of a question to the SBS for reference year asking enterprises if they have more than one local workplace is going to identified and to be part of survey others enterprises with more than one location.

The questionnaire is prepared by pre-printed information from Local unit register, previous year.
Implementation of NACE Rev.2

NACE Rev.2 entered in force in June 2014. From 1 January 2015 all institutions are working to this common classification.

INSTAT is preparing and delivery of relevant training. Some kind of training is planning during September on implementation of new classification to NRC, GDT and ministries staff that used NACE classification.

A software consultation tool with old and new classifications and their relation is developed by INSTAT in is putting in website in order to help internal and external users.

Despite this, NACE Rev.2 was implemented in SBR since 2010. Census of enterprises was a good opportunity to implement NACE Rev.2.

In SBR is added one variable: Description by words of main activity as enterprises declared. It is helping to put NACE Rev.2 and to control consistencies between them.
An extra work was carried out by SBR staff. One way to quite quickly determine the accuracy of NACE Rev2 coding on the SBR was to produce lists of the business descriptions sorted by their 4-digit NACE code. As the business descriptions are grouped by their common 4-digit NACE code, it is quite straightforward to visually inspect these lists, and identify those businesses where a business description is inconsistent with the 4-digit NACE code it has been allocated to.

Firstly was controlled enterprises with 10 and more employed, 5-9 employed and for others to prepare a sample with 5,000 enterprises.

In carrying out the check the SBR team of business descriptions by 4-digit NACE we found that it was indeed quite a quick exercise.
Results of the check:

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Business Register Interface

In collaboration with Swedish expert from SCB (under SIDA project) an IT application /interface that will be integrated with the data model of business register is setting up.

The main goal of the interface is for internal uses, the information of the business register will be accessible from different sectors based on their interests. This application will simplify and optimize the work done on the requests coming from other sectors.

The content and functionalities it will contain, who will be the users and the scope of rights that they will have on accessing the information of business register are just designed.
SBR and Metadata

Statistics Sweden has developed a metadata system called MetaPlus for storing and describing populations/objects, variables and classifications/value domains in a structured way.

Swedish metadata system MetaPlus is implementing in INSTAT and SBR team prepared all kind of information based on MetaPlus structure and served to test the system. So SBR is storing now with all elements of MetaPlus and will serve as a good example for all statistics.
Business Demography

After publishing the publication on SBR with NACE Rev.2 some table were produced on Business Demography in line with the requirements of the SBS Regulation Annex IX. In the next future a full set of Annex IX BD tables will produce and analyzing by INSTAT.

Business demography preparing at enterprise level by SBR, show details such as at the sub-national (regional) level, by size band, by foreign ownership and for trends over time.

In the future business demography will produced at the local unit level as well as the enterprise.
Quality Reports

SBR Quality Report for 2012 is complete for the first time. The next BR Quality Report is going on and could be publishes it on website.

Quality Report is preparing following six criteria or aspects of quality relating to official statistics.
Future plans

- Development and implementation of a strategy for a good collaborations with public institutions, statistical agencies and others bodies, in order to use completely in best way all administrative sources. A standardized forms by SBR team is preparing;

- Memorandum of Understatement between INSTAT, NRC and DPT is under discussion in order to provide necessary and quality administrative data;

- Setting up Register User Groups that meets regularly to share experiences, plans and issues on the BR. One User Group for internal users of the SBR within INSTAT, and another that involved the main external bodies who are either users or data providers for the SBR. The NRC and GDT would be key members of such a SBR User Group involving external bodies. This external BR User Group may be one way of improving the working arrangements between ISTAT, NRC and GDT. The formality brought about by INSTAT setting up one or two BR User Groups would help, through the minutes of these meetings, in providing a record of the relevant matters being discussed.
Future plans

- Collaborations with private companies to provide fresh information on statistical units, in order to increase the quality of databases;

- Started new surveys in order to increase the quality of SBR and to provide the new indicators. SBR team is planning to start a business demography survey, at least covering the large and medium enterprises on the SBR;

- Increasing capacities of INSTAT staff by training or technical assistance with others NSI or projects, in order to improve the Albanian Statistics to meet the EU requirements and offer better service to all users.
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